

GREAT REUNION OPENS THIS WEEK

United Confederate Veterans Assemble Here on Next Thursday

PREPARATIONS NOW COMPLETE

All Arrangements Made for Entertaining Veterans—City Is Being Handsomely Decorated—Visitors Will Begin to Arrive To-Morrow.

The seventeenth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans assembles in this city on Thursday of this week, the first session of the convention being called to order at 9:30 A. M. at the Horse Show Building. At the same hour the twelfth annual reunion of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans will be called to order in the city Auditorium, and the sessions of the two bodies, with a number of adjutant gatherings, State and brigade reunions, will continue in Richmond for five days, the exercises closing with a grand rally of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, sponsors, maids of honor, memorial associations and United Daughters of the Confederacy at the Horse Show Building on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Richmond is the place for a Confederate reunion. It is here that are gathered the sacred memories; here the history of the wartime clusters, and here sleep the holy dead. General Bennis, commanding the Kentucky Division, struck the keynote of the reunion in his State, when he told of the large number of sons of the West who are descended from a Virginia patriot, whom the Richmond reunion would be in the nature of a home-coming. The soil of the State has been enriched with the blood of uncounted thousands of the flower of American manhood, and to the American patriot, be he Northern or Southern in his sentiment or his politics, there is ever something sacred in the return to Virginia and to its capital city.

A Great Occasion. Probably no city in the land can give such a reception as Richmond is preparing for the gray-coated veterans from all over the South. The reunion marks the completion of two great undertakings which have absorbed the attention of the patriotic men and the women of the South. The first was the completion of the monument to the memory of President Jefferson Davis and to General J. E. B. Stuart.

Both of these monuments have been completed and fully paid for, and with the fund raised for the entertainment of the reunion, over \$150,000 has been raised for the gray-coated veterans of the Confederate army, who gave their hands, of their time and of their energy to the completion of the monument to the memory of President Jefferson Davis and to General J. E. B. Stuart.

Over a hundred thousand dollars have been spent in the two great monuments which, through generations yet to come, will perpetuate the life and spirit of the Confederacy. Under wise direction, a sum approaching \$45,000 is being spent in the fit entertainment of the surviving veterans, who gather here, many of them for the last time, to walk the streets of the city which for four long years they fought to save.

The undertaking of entertaining a Confederate Reunion is no small one. Large gatherings of Confederates and their sympathizers have gathered in many cities of the South, and large crowds have gathered to see and hear, but when the Mayor of Richmond, Hon. Carlton McCarty, received the invitation in New Orleans last year and invited the veterans to gather here for their seventeenth annual session, the enthusiastic reception of the proposal which swept the convention like a storm showed that every veteran able to be moved would accept the invitation to Richmond for a last great gathering of the clans. The indications throughout the year have fully justified the response made to the invitation. From all parts of the country come assurances of large attendance. Conservative estimates place the attendance of from twelve to fifteen thousand veterans of good standing, with five or six times as many visitors, Sons, Daughters, members of all kinds of Confederate associations, and those who come home to Virginia from all over the South and West to join in a good old "rebel" yell once more.

Chairman Gordon. Shortly after the last reunion, committees from the various Confederate associations here gathered to select a general chairman to direct the work of preparing for what promised to be the greatest of Confederate Reunions. After deliberation, the choice fell on Colonel John W. Gordon, an officer who had seen distinguished service under General Stuart, and one who has been ever faithful in his efforts to perpetuate the memory of the Confederacy. With assurances of liberal support from all the Confederate associations of the city, General Gordon undertook work, and to it he has given practically all of his time for the last six months. A large number of faithful committees have been appointed and to the chairman of these committees is due much of the praise for the careful plans and successful execution of the preparations that have been made.

The finance committee have been untiring in their efforts, and the citizens of Richmond have individually contributed nearly \$25,000 to the reunion fund. The city of Richmond supplemented this by \$20,000, so that a fund of about \$45,000 has been available for the use of the various committees, and its apportionment has been a matter of serious study.

To Entertain 75,000 People. The work of entertaining and caring for the great crowd fell naturally into

EIGHT PERSONS BURN TO DEATH IN A HOTEL FIRE

Seven Others Missing and Police Dig in Ruins for Their Bodies.

SAN JOSE, CAL., May 25.—At least eight persons were burned to death today by a fire that destroyed the Union Lodging-House. Seven others are missing.

The fire started in the rear of Frederick Brown's commission store in North Market Street, near St. James, and soon spread to G. W. Lafferty's livery stable and to the Union Lodging-house above the stable. There were forty lodgers sleeping in the Union House, and the fire awakened by the twenty terrified horses in the stable which were hemmed in and stampeded by the flames.

Rushing into the hall in their night garments, the lodgers groped their way through the choking, blinding smoke, led by the voices of the firemen. Many of the lodgers made their escape. The police are digging in the ruins for the bodies as rapidly as the heat will permit.

Four bodies were recovered from the debris during the day. A dozen other persons known to have been in the burned building are still unaccounted for. G. W. Lafferty was arrested today on suspicion of having set fire to the feed store, where the blaze started.

THREE VICTIMS IN BOSTON FIRE

Started in Woodworking District and Spread Rapidly.

BOSTON, MASS., May 25.—Three men lost their lives in a fire which broke out in the heart of the woodworking district, along the East Boston water front, this afternoon. They were Patrick Rourke, of East Boston, a member of the firm of Johnson & Rourke; James Varasano, of East Boston, and an Italian known as Tony Rose.

The financial loss is placed at \$50,000. The fire originated in the box factory of S. T. Lebaron, on Border Street, and was preceded by an explosion, but whether of a boiler, sawdust or hot air, has not yet been determined. The flames swept quickly through the building, which is a five-story brick structure, cutting off the escape of the workmen in the upper stories. Many were rescued by firemen and taken down on ladders.

DOZEN HURT IN STRIKE RIOTS

Non-Union Men Attacked in Italian Quarter by Rowdy Bands.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A dozen or more persons were injured today in the first serious riot of longshoremen since the strike began several weeks ago. The trouble started outside of the South Brooklyn docks, where a number of negro strike-breakers have been employed. As they left their work today, they marched through the Italian quarter, singing. There was a flash and a report from a second-story window; scores of Italian strikers rushed from saloons and houses nearby, and immediately there was a general riot, which was quelled only when the police reserves took a hand.

Most of the injured were carried off by friends, but four negroes were arrested, two in a serious condition from stab wounds.

WOMAN MUST SERVE LIFE TERM

Mrs. Feeney, of Georgia, Found Guilty of Murdering W. P. Harrell.

EASTMAN, GA., May 25.—Mrs. Sallie Feeney, the widow, charged with the murder of W. P. Harrell, was found guilty today, the jury making a recommendation to mercy. The jury returned its verdict today after an all-night deliberation. Her punishment will be life imprisonment. The defense, it is reported, will appeal the case.

Harrell was shot to death by Mrs. Feeney in her home several months ago. She declared that she killed him in self-defense after he had made improper proposals to her.

SEABOARD FAILS TO GET SOUTHERN TRACKAGE.

ATLANTA, GA., May 25.—The Constitution to-morrow will announce authoritatively that the negotiations which have been pending for some time for the acquiring by the Seaboard Air Line of trackage rights over the Southern Railway between Macon and Atlanta, have been terminated without an agreement. The terms offered by the Southern were not acceptable to the Seaboard, according to this report, and further negotiations have been suspended for the time at least.

Street Car Strike Ends.

EVANSVILLE, IND., May 25.—A street car strike which has held this city in its grasp for ten days, with traffic and business demoralized, accompanied by violence on the part of strike sympathizers, was settled tonight.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 25.—An appeal to all Southerners briefly to stop business and all moving wheels at 2 P. M. June 30, the moment of the unveiling of the Jefferson Davis statue at the Richmond Reunion of Confederate Veterans, was issued here tonight by General Lee, commanding the veterans.

GREAT INTEREST IN LOVING TRIAL

Court Convenes To-morrow Morning; Loving's Indictment Follows

ALL DEPENDS ON GIRL'S TESTIMONY

Life and Liberty of Father, Who Shot Man for Her Sake, in Control of Daughter—Remarkable Case—All Are Prominent.

[Special From a Staff Correspondent.]
LOVINGSTON, VA., May 25.—People of this community are taking the liveliest interest in the approaching trial of Judge W. G. Loving for the killing of Theodore Estes. So many circumstances combine in this remarkable case that it cannot fail to arouse much speculation as to the outcome, and tongues have wagged about little else since that fatal April 21st, when Judge Loving fired two loads of buckshot into the body of the young man who had been paying his daughter some attention. Judge Loving, with the exception of Thomas F. Ryan, in whose employ he remains, was almost certainly the most prominent man of Nelson county. Socially his family is of the county's best. He had been a member of the Virginia General Assembly, taking, even though then a young man, a leading part in making the laws of his State. He had been judge of his county court, and for years had been regarded as the leading citizen of his community. His family circle was a most attractive one. For years the family, consisting of Judge and Mrs. Loving and their pretty daughter, Miss Elizabeth, had resided at Oakridge, the handsome country home of Thos. F. Ryan, but at present and for some time past the Lovings have occupied a very simple but pretty home on the Oakridge estate, about half a mile from the mansion house.

Father's Life in Her Hands. Theodore Estes is also a member of a well-known Nelson family. His father is sheriff of Nelson county, and one of his daughters married Mr. John P. Swanson, a brother of Governor Claude A. Swanson.

Little wonder then that people gathered in knots at Oakridge railway station at the country stores, and especially at Lovingston, the chief village of the county and the storm-center of the tragedy, and discuss it in every phase. Added to it all is the fact that the whole unfortunate occurrence revolves about a girl, a girl and a lovely girl, whom every one in the county has known from babyhood. It is not over-looked that with her rests the life and liberty of her father. The history of the moving trial will be dictated by her word.

Indict Him To-morrow. Judge Loving will be indicted Monday by the grand jury in the Circuit Court on the charge of murdering Estes. Of this there seems to be no doubt.

It is not certain that he will be tried in Nelson county. It is certain that the counsel for the defense will move to change the venue to some other county. This motion will be vigorously fought by the prosecution. If Judge Barksdale, designated by Governor Swanson, to preside at the trial in place of Judge Gordon, refuses the motion to change the place of trial, the chief village of the county will make an effort to have a venire summoned from another county. It is not believed the State would object to this being ordered. "We shall resist the motion to change the venue," said S. B. Whitfield, the Commonwealth's Attorney to-day. "Under our present law the court is justified in changing the venue only in cases where the military have to be used because of the intensity of feeling against a defendant. There is nothing like this in the case of Judge Loving. Since the shooting of Estes that man who shot him could not have come here and remained all day without being harmed or threatened. We shall oppose the motion for a change of venue."

No Witnesses Yet Summoned. Mr. Whitfield said there had not been any witnesses summoned by either side, as it was well settled there would not be a trial immediately after the grand jury returned an indictment. He believes that a change of venue to a distant county would make it impossible to secure the attendance of all witnesses desired, since railroad fares would have to be defrayed by individuals summoned, and the cost of living while waiting to be called to the chair would have to be borne by the State.

CAPT. M. J. DIMMOCK IS A CANDIDATE

Has Announced Himself for Position of Inspector of Buildings.

Captain M. J. Dimmock has announced himself as a candidate for the office of Inspector of Buildings for this city. Captain Dimmock has a personal experience of thirty years in supervising the erection of various buildings designed by himself as well as those designed by others.

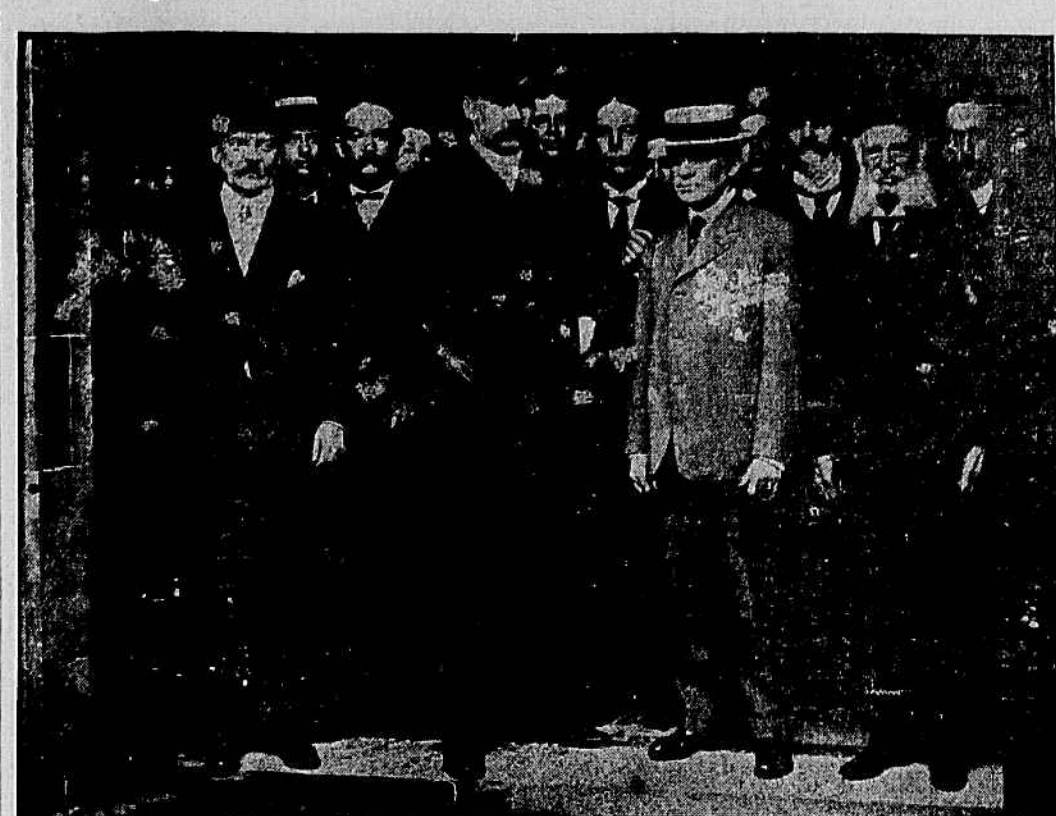
The office of Inspector of Buildings has lately been created by the Council of this city, and the place will be filled by that body in a short time.

The position is an important one, and should be occupied by a thoroughly competent man.

Cleaned the Monument.

The Register of the Land Office and Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings has had the Lee Monument cleaned up as much as possible and the grounds around the monument put in thorough condition for the reunion. The squad of convicts usually working in the Capitol Square did the work under the direction of Officer Pettis, of the Capitol force.

EQUITABLE OFFICIALS VISIT RICHMOND



In the first row, reading from left to right, are Vice-President George B. Wilson, President Paul Morton, State Agent William A. Danner and Norfolk Agent A. Myers. Grouped behind are the general agents of Virginia and North Carolina. The entire party posed for The Times-Dispatch photographer immediately after the luncheon at the Jefferson Hotel yesterday.

MRS. MCKINLEY IS NEARING THE END

Hope Abandoned and Friends Momentarily Expecting Death.

ONLY A MATTER OF TIME

Grows Weaker and Medical Skill Cannot Long Prolong Her Life.

CANTON, O., May 25.—The end seems near—there is no hope for the recovery of Mrs. McKinley.

That sums up the belief of physicians and others about the McKinley home at 8:15 P. M. to-night. No evening official bulletin has been issued by the physicians up to this time, but individually they have declared that Mrs. McKinley is growing weaker. Her death seems to be only a matter of time, as it is believed medical skill cannot long prolong her life.

Secretary Cortelyou at 8 o'clock said while there could not be noticed any material change in the condition of Mrs. McKinley, it seemed evident she was growing weaker. When he and Dr. Rixey would leave Canton was then uncertain. It depended on future developments.

Mrs. Barber, the only sister of Mrs. McKinley, is constantly at the McKinley home. Mrs. Dunstan, sister of President McKinley, and the wife of Justice Day are with her.

Among the devoted friends of Mrs. McKinley is Commander E. V. Booth, of the Salvation Army. On April 21st the Canton chapter of the Salvation Army was dedicated. Mrs. McKinley was a liberal donor to it. Miss Booth was then a caller at the McKinley home. As a testimony of her friendship for Mrs. McKinley, the following message was received to-night through Adjutant Runkle, of the Salvation Army, to be conveyed to the McKinley home:

"Just heard of your serious condition. In the shadows his face will light your way as the waters rise. His everlasting arms upon you. My tenderest love and deepest appreciation of all that you have been to my work."

"EVANGELINE BOOTH."

WOMEN APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

Ask Cabrera to Exercise Leniency in Court-Martial Verdict.

GUATEMALA CITY, May 25.—When the report was circulated that the court-martial which had been in session three days trying the persons charged with complicity in the attempt on the life of President Cabrera, April 29th, had handed down sentences of death in the cases of nineteen of the prisoners, the greatest excitement prevailed here, and later in the day a delegation of 100 women went to the private residence of the President and requested him to exercise leniency. They informed them that the report was incorrect, but that he would consider their petition when the decisions of the court-martial are rendered.

SECRETARY TAFT AT LEESBURG FOR SUNDAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—Secretary Taft left Washington today for Leesburg, Va., to spend Sunday with friends. The secretary is suffering from a slight cold, which he hopes to break by a day spent in the open air in the country.

Sons of Veterans to Hold Important Meeting

An important meeting of Lee Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, has been called for 8:15 o'clock to-morrow night at Lee Camp Hall. This will be the last meeting before the reunion, and matters of great importance will be up for consideration. All members are urged to attend.

RAILROAD FORCED TO RESIST THE RATE

Coast Line Stockholders Secure Injunction in North Carolina.

ROAD AFRAID OF PENALTY

Alleged That Law Itself Is Defective, as It Was Not Properly Signed.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 25.—A bill in equity was filed in the United States Circuit Court this afternoon by Nelson Buckley, George J. Pearson and other stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, its directors, managers, agents, and also against the corporation commission of North Carolina. The bill prays for an injunction against the State officers of North Carolina restraining them from publishing and enforcing the recent rates provided by the act of the Legislature of North Carolina.

It alleges that the railroad company refuses to contest the rate bill on account of the extreme penalties provided therein, which would aggregate over a million dollars a day, or \$568,000,000 per year, in case the rate was finally sustained by the highest court.

The bill alleges that a committee of stockholders applied to the corporation itself to protect its interests, and it has declined to do so. The point is also made that the rate bill was not read three times, and not signed by the Speaker of the House, a rib-sticker being substituted in lieu thereof. The interesting point raised is that the power conferred upon the Corporation Commission of North Carolina to fix just and reasonable rates is a judicial function, and while the commission exists with such power, the Legislature cannot interfere and undertake to exercise what, under the policy of North Carolina is a judicial function.

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COTTON MEN AFTER CONTROL

First Contest in Eleven Years Starts on the New York Exchange.

NEW YORK, May 25.—For the first time in eleven years, there is to be a contest on the New York Cotton Exchange for control of the management. News to this effect was made known on the floor of the exchange today, when two tickets were posted for the annual election, which will take place on June 3d. James H. Parker will head both tickets, but for other offices there will be a contest. It is understood that the question of reform in contracts will be an issue.

LAW TO INTERFERE TO STOP BALL GAME

Commonwealth's Attorney of County Gives Instructions to Arrest Players.

CHURCH PEOPLE AGAINST IT

Ministers of Norfolk City Will Use Every Effort to Prevent Sunday Games.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., May 25.—Commonwealth's Attorney Marshall, of Norfolk county, has taken steps to prevent the playing of the game of ball between the Norfolk and Lynchburg clubs Sunday, as scheduled. The Commonwealth's attorney says:

"I have instructed the officers of the Tanager Creek district to stop the game, should it be started, and have also told them to arrest the ticket-sellers, the players, and every other person who participates in the game in any manner. We have never had anything like professional baseball in Norfolk county, and I don't propose to start it by any means," continued the Commonwealth's attorney.

Will Make the Test. The baseball magnates propose to test the authority of the county officers to forbid the playing of Sunday ball.

Secretary Hannon, of the Norfolk club, says that he knows of no State law which prohibits baseball in Virginia on Sundays.

In speaking of Sunday baseball in Virginia, Manager Moss, of the "Truckers," stated today that he does not favor playing the game on Sabbath days.

"If it is started, I am afraid the patronage of the league will be greatly hurt," said he. "It must be remembered that the game throughout the league is now patronized by the ministers of the gospel and other Christian people, and to begin desecrating the Sabbath by playing the game will no doubt cause a discontinuance of their patronage at all costs."

The ministers in Norfolk and Portsmouth will strenuously oppose Sunday baseball. Commonwealth's Attorney Tilton, of Norfolk city, is also strongly opposed to it, but will leave the question of to-morrow's proposed game to the county. Weather conditions are now unfavorable to the game.

MR. J. P. KENNEDY READ A PAPER

Many Addresses at the Library Association Meeting in Asheville.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 25.—The features of to-day's sessions of the American Library Association were the reports of committees and the reading of papers on the Southern library movement by Anne Wallace, William Beer, W. E. East, P. L. Windsor, J. P. Kennedy, Mrs. Annie Smith Ross, Mary Martin, Mattie Plunkett and George H. Baskette.

This afternoon the delegates were driven over the Biltmore estate and taken to other points of interest. The Bibliographical Society of America held its first session to-night, an interesting address being delivered by William C. Lane, librarian of Harvard University. Papers on "The First Presses in the Southern States" were read, as follows:

"Florida, Mississippi and Alabama," by Dr. Thomas M. Owen, director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History; "North Carolina," by Dr. Stephen B. Weeks; "South Carolina," by A. S. Salley, Jr., secretary of the South Carolina Historical Commission; "Tennessee," by Edwin Wiley, Library of Congress.

The Library Copyright League held its first session to-night.

MORTON SAYS RYAN IS NOT IN POLITICS

His Virginia Citizenship is Merely a Matter of Sentiment.

HEAD EQUITABLE TALKS FRANKLY

In Speech at the Jefferson Hotel He Tells of the Prosperity of His Company, and Says That the Day of Graft is Over.

"To the best of my knowledge and belief Mr. Thomas F. Ryan has no political aspirations whatever. I believe his moving his citizenship to Virginia to be a matter of sentiment with him, and to have no political significance, whatever," PAUL MORTON, President of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Hon. Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, spent yesterday in Richmond in company with Mr. George T. Wilson, second vice-president of the society, as the guest of Mr. William A. Danner, agent for Virginia and North Carolina.

Mr. Morton reached Richmond about 12 o'clock, and went at once to the offices of the company, at Twelfth and Main Street, where he held an informal reception, meeting a large number of the policy-holders of the company, who called to be introduced to the president.

Mr. Morton is a man of fine appearance, evidently in the prime of health, and while he has the reputation of being one of the hardest workers in New York, it does not seem to tell on him. He engaged in interesting conversation with his guests, and to the newspaper men was frank and cordial to an unusual degree.

Mr. Morton said that he was not inclined to discuss political conditions except in a general way, as in the past year he had not taken an active part in politics, having given his whole time to studying the problems of life insurance. Mr. Morton, who is a close associate of Mr. Thomas F. Ryan in the control of the Equitable, stated that to the best of his knowledge and belief Mr. Ryan had no political intentions. Mr. Morton stated that he understood Mr. Ryan was coming to Virginia to-day to look over the improvements at his country place in Nelson county. "He is very much interested in his Virginia farm. I believe his moving his citizenship to Virginia to be a matter of sentiment with him, and to have no political significance whatever."

Mr. Morton went on to talk of general political conditions in the country, premising by saying that he was not closely in touch with political conditions, and could not speak with authority.

Southern President. "Politically, I have nothing to say, except that I frequently hear well-informed men ask the question, why it is that the Southern States that are always united on election day, should come together in the Democratic National Convention and name a Southerner for its candidate. I am sure the former feeling that a Southerner stood no show for either nomination or election has entirely disappeared, and that Senator Daniel, of Virginia; Justice White, of Louisiana; Judge Gray, of Delaware, or Senator Culberson, of Texas, would be regarded as candidates any good Democrat could enthusiastically support."

"I am here," continued Mr. Morton, "with our vice-president, Mr. Wilson, to meet the Virginia and North Carolina agents of the Equitable Life Society."

"I believe it is the first time the president of the society has had the honor and pleasure of being in Richmond. We appreciate the business we are doing in this State, and I want personally to assure all policyholders that the affairs of the Equitable are now being administered solely with an eye single to their interests. Expenses are being reduced, income is being increased, and in every way better insurance practice is being promoted."

The investigation now going on by District Attorney Jerome and the grand jury in New York pertains only to the old administration, and in no way applies to the present management. There has been an entire change of officials, and the new management is now complying in every respect to the reform law introduced by Governor Hughes and enacted by the New York Legislature. Owing to the great publicity which has been given to life insurance the last two years, people now understand it much better than ever, and the wonderful financial strength of the Equitable and other companies, which has been emphasized by the various investigations, has educated the public to believe in their security. Where our agents are well organized they report Equitable policies easier to sell than ever before."

Lunched at Jefferson. At 2 o'clock a handsome luncheon was served at the Jefferson Hotel in honor of President Morton and Vice-President Wilson, at which were present some twenty or thirty agents of the company in Virginia and North Carolina. Lunch was served in one of the private dining-rooms of the Jefferson. After cigars were passed Mr. Danner called for order, and formally introduced to the company, President Morton, who made a short address to the agents, which was well received. Mr. Morton told of the work of reorganizing the company under its new officers, and brought out the fact that over six and one-half million dollars of the company's surplus was invested in Virginia, the Equitable having more money invested in Virginia than all other life companies in the country combined. Mr. Morton said that this should fully refute the appeal to invest in home companies, which keeps the money at home. As to the investigations going on, Mr. Morton said that the company would welcome all legitimate inquiry. "There is nothing about the Society which Mr. Jerome or